

**SUMMARY:** The Board has approved a fourth quarter 1996 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.092. The fourth quarter RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.768, an increase of 0.3% from the third quarter 1996 RCAF (Adjusted).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** H. Jeff Warren, (202) 927-6243. TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423, or telephone (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: September 19, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Wage Committee, Notice of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Pub. L. 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on:

Wednesday, October 9, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 246, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications,

wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered are related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee (05), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: September 18, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Eugene A. Brickhouse,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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